

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

POTTS HOME

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:

COMMENTS: Federal mansion

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

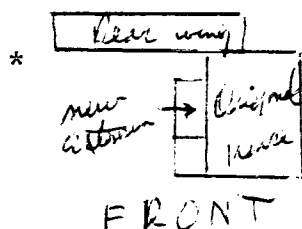
☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a three story brick corner Federal Mansion approximately four bays square including what appears to be an early left side (N), one bay extension. According to front and right side brickwork, this was once a 2-1/2 story house. To the rear of the left bay extension, which is only two bays in depth, is a newer, one bay square extension* three stories high, which was added for apartment use thirty years ago. A two story brick wing extends along the rear of the house and is one bay deep and four bays wide with two added, one bay wide extensions. This extends from the center of the rear wall out to the left of the main house. Front and right side (S) brickwork is of Flemish bond through the second story level, and all other is of common bond. Front windows in the left bay are set in a slightly projecting, three story section. The large Federal entranceway occupies the second bay from the left. It is of three parts with double doors of five panels each, carved with ovals, sidelights with interlaced ovals, and separated by Doric pillars. The enframingent is of paneling. Crowning this is an elliptical arched fanlight with radiating muntions and garlanded tracery around the top. This is approached by a very wide, eight step, wooden porch with side rails. On the left side is another small, three part entranceway with a large, twelve panel door, sidelights separated by Doric pillars, a paneled enframingent, a rectangular overlight with side panes and headed by a grooved lintel with square end blocks carved with roundels. This has a slate sill. In the right (S) gable is a large, wide fanlight and all other windows are of 6/6 sash with wood or stone lintels and sills. There is a newer, three sided ground floor bay window in the left end of the rear wing with small panes and a pent roof. The front section has a low "A" frame roof and the rear wing has a moderate slope "A" frame of slate and asphalt shingles. There are several newer chimneys. The front section roofline is surrounded by a simple boxed cornice. The house rests on a high fieldstone foundation. A brick herringbone pattern pavement surrounds the house on the street sides and to the left is a side garden area with herringbone brick walks, boxwood, yew hedges and other evergreens.



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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
1818-Newspaper Accts and per owners		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This mansion was built for Richard Potts, son of a Revolutionary War patriot by architect Robert Mills, who later was appointed by President Andrew Jackson as architect for public buildings. Francis Scott Key visited here frequently.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		
DOUGLAS M. GREENE		
ORGANIZATION	ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION	DATE APRIL 1975
STREET & NUMBER	CITY OF FREDERICK, MD. 21701	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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